

**Medford Area Public School District
2020-2021
Charter School Authorizer Annual Report**

Authorizer Annual Report Checklist

When completing the Charter School Authorizer Annual Report, verify that:

- All sections of the report are present, and all schedules are completed and attached.
- For school district authorizers, the schedule of authorizer operating costs has been included as a supplement to the school district's annual audited financial statements submitted to DPI.
- The report has been completed at the authorizer level, rather than completed for an individual school.
- Authorizer operating costs have been identified in Section VI. This section should not be left blank.
- The operating costs reported in Section VI reflect **only** the costs the authorizing entity incurred while fulfilling the duties under Wis. Stat. s. 118.40 (3m)(a) to (e) which include:
 - Soliciting and evaluating charter school applications,
 - Considering the principles and standards for quality authorizing established by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers,
 - Giving preference in the awarding of contracts for the operation of charter schools that serve children at risk,
 - Approving high-quality charter schools that meet identified educational needs and promote a diversity of educational choices, and
 - Monitoring the performance and compliance with Wis. Stat. s. 118.40 of each charter school with which it contracts.

The operating costs in this section should **not** reflect the operating costs for the authorized charter school(s).

- The total amounts reported in Section VI and Section VII are not the same. As noted above, Section VI should only include operating costs the authorizing entity incurred while fulfilling the duties under Wis. Stat. 118.40 (3m)(a) to (e); while Section VII should include the costs of services the authorizing entity provided to the charter schools with which it contracts. **The expenditures in Section VI and Section VII should not match.**
- Costs reported in Section VII are only the costs of services provided to the charter school(s). Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in this section include but are not limited to: costs for business office services, costs for food services, curriculum services, professional development services, etc. **The expenditures in Section VI and Section VII should not match.**

For further instructions and requirements related to completing each section of this report see the charter school authorizer annual report technical assistance document at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/charter-schools/information-authorizers>.

SECTION I: AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

Authorizing Entity:	Medford Area Public School District
Authorizer Address:	124 West State Street, Medford, WI 54451
Authorizer Contact Person:	Charles Heckel
Contact Person Title:	Administrator of the Charter School
Contact Person Phone:	888-801-2666 ext. 823
Contact Person Email:	Charles.heckel@rural virtual.org

SECTION II: CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

(Add additional lines or attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract in 2021-2022:			
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx – 6/30/20xx):	Grades Served:
Rural Virtual Academy	Rural Virtual Academy	07-01-2020 – 06-30-2025	PreK-12

Charter Schools with Non-renewed or Revoked Contract during 2020-2021:			
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx – 6/30/20xx)*:	Reason for Non-renewal or Revocation:

Charter Schools that Closed During or at the Conclusion of 2020-2021:			
School Name:	Date of School Closure:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx – 6/30/20xx):	Reason for Closure:

Charter Schools Currently Approved, But That Have Not Yet Begun to Operate:			
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx – 6/30/20xx):	Anticipated First Academic Year of Instruction (e.g. 22-23):

SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Academic performance of students in the RVA is measured in various ways including formative assessments gathered by reviewing daily work, summative assessments gathered periodically to measure incremental learning over the course of the year in any particular subject, and in the use of standardized measures such as State exams, progress monitoring probes, and placement tests.

Using the State's standardized tests as the metric of performance for this report, some of the standardized tests were given in the fall, while most were given in the spring, and others were given multiple times over the course of the year. The Assessment of Reading Readiness was offered to students in grades PreK-2 to be completed online from home. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the RVA did experience the largest number of families requesting "opt-outs" and refusals to take the required examinations this year than ever before. 1090 students eligible to participate in state examinations, 822 (75%) were voluntarily opted out of testing by their parents. Of these students, 119 juniors were eligible to participate and complete the ACT examination with 47 students being opted out. Although not encouraged, these opt-outs are permitted by State of Wisconsin statute 118.30 "Pupil Assessments" and RVA policy RVA-IL "Testing Program."

Internal data review of the RVA's 2021 ACT results show that students who have been enrolled in the RVA High School for two or more years demonstrate at or above benchmark performance in the areas of English and Reading. Recent releases of school and district "DPI Report Cards" show the RVA scoring and "Meeting Expectations."

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

In summary, the RVA had a healthy fiscal performance for the 2020-2021 school year. The number of FTE students attending the RVA during the 2020-2021 school year was 1501.31. This was approximately 1.31 FTE's over the budgeted amount, but less than a fraction of a percent off of the expected 1,500 FTE's. The actual number of different students who attended the RVA during the 2020-2021 school year was 1,630. 1,481 students were active in the school at the end of the year. Overall, this equated to a 35% increase in enrollments over the previous school year and almost exactly what was budgeted for in expected revenues. Sum total of all expenditures came in 3% than anticipated due to salaries being slightly higher and family internet reimbursements both coming in higher than anticipated. Overall, however, budgets for both expected revenues and expenditures were very close to actual at year-end.

SECTION V: OTHER CONTRACT TERMS AND EXPECTATIONS (OPTIONAL)

In this section, provide a summary and discussion of any additional contract terms or expectations that the authorizer deems relevant to its report on the overall performance of the charter

schools it authorizes.

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

(Complete and attach audited Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs.)

Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in the schedule of authorizer operating costs include, but are not limited to:

- costs incurred by the authorizer to oversee and monitor its charter schools (i.e. salary and fringe for individuals who assume these duties);
- costs incurred for soliciting, receiving, and reviewing applications for new charter schools (i.e. salary and fringe for individuals who assume these duties which may include administrative staff, business office staff, legal staff, etc.);
- costs incurred for completing and analyzing charter school data for the purpose of making renewal and revocation decisions; and
- any additional costs associated with duties under Wis. Stats. s. 118.40(3m)(a) to (e) *(please reference Technical Assistance document for the language of 118.30(3m)(a)-(e)).*

Costs that should not be included in the schedule of authorizer operating costs include salary and fringe for the teachers at the charter school, costs of charter school transportation, curriculum services, food service, etc. **Only costs associated with the authorizer fulfilling its duties should be reported in this schedule.**

SECTION VII: SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

(Complete and attach Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs.)

Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in the schedule of services and costs include, but are not limited to:

- costs for business office services;
- costs for food services;
- curriculum services; or
- professional development services.

Costs and types of services may vary depending upon the contractual relationship between the authorizer and the charter school. Please note that contracted services provided to a charter and authorizer costs are not the same. **The expenditures in Section VI and Section VII should not match.**

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Section VI

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

JUNE 30, 2021

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	\$119,032.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	\$38,670.00
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	
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TOTAL		\$157,702.00

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SECTION VII

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER SERVICES AND COSTS

JUNE 30TH, 2021

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	\$1,613,936.65
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	\$908,428.08
GUIDANCE SERVICES	213000	\$174,448.53
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	\$186,115.11
OCCUPATIONAL & PHYSICAL THERAPY	218000	\$102,437.72
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	\$3,996,313.73
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	\$1,859.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	\$157,702.00
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	\$546,548.42
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	\$28,966.15
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	\$6,083.00
INSTRUCTION & RELATED TECHNOLOGY	221500	\$16,474.93
BUILDING RENTAL	255000	\$63,969.55
TECHNOLOGY	295000	\$170,181.32
PAYMENT TO CESA FOR SERVICES	436611	\$1,124.00
PUPIL SERVICES	219000	\$694,191.65
LEGAL SERVICES	231500	\$2,893.00
TOTAL		\$8,671,672.84